

IN THE SPECIFICATION

The specification is being revised again in response to the Examiner's comment that the page and line numbering did not correspond properly with the original specification for the change to page 5.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 6 of page 5 of the application as follows:

One embodiment of the invention is shown in Figures 2-6. Referring specifically to Figure 5a-6, the load securing device comprises a body 20 having first and second portions 21 and 23. Each portion has a generally flat surface 25 and 27. The body 20 also includes a rib 29 having first and second segments 31 and 33, the rib running longitudinally along the body 20 and generally perpendicular to the surfaces 25 and 27. The rib provides strength to the body and surfaces 25 and 27 during use of the device as explained below. The body 20 interfaces with a ring 35 and belt 37 to secure the stacked loads as described in more detail below. Figure 5c shows the load securing device with protrusions 36 on the load bearing surfaces 25 and 27.